



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## RULE 116 AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

In re Application of: Fulvio (nmi) Arecco, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/750,311  
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Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: David S. Kim  
Title: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION  
RING NETWORK

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Dear Sir:

### RESPONSE OT EXAMINER'S ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.